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Submitted herewith is a copy of the European Patent Office Search Report, dated November 9, 2001, relating to the European counterpart patent application of the above-identified U.S. patent application. The European Search Report cites the following references:

- (1) Mochizuki et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,547,309, issued October 15, 1985 (column 3, line 54-column 4, line 2);

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- (2) Inoue, U.S. Patent No. 5,357,267, issued October 18, 1994 (column 1, lines 46-68); and
- (3) Katakura et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,583,534, issued December 10, 1996 (column 2, lines 10-52).

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